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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **WM-3**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FUNDING TO THE CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR CLEAN WATER  
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
SCOPING COMMENT PACKAGE, SPECIAL PROTECTIONS  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District, or his designee, to contribute \$10,000 from funds available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Flood Control District Budget to the California Coalition for Clean Water (CCCW) to develop a comment package in response to the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Board) Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping document.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The CCCW is an alliance of local governments and public agencies, labor, businesses, agriculture, housing and development, and interest groups working toward the establishment and implementation of a sound water quality program that protects water quality while balancing the economic and social needs of the communities and the State.

The CCCW continues to act as a coalition builder by educating various Statewide business organizations, public agencies, and others involved in water quality issues on the broader implications that ASBS-related issues could have on the State's overall stormwater program as well as on regulation of water recycling and reclamation and water supply and transfers.

The CCCW is developing a comment package that includes a response to the State Board ASBS CEQA scoping document as well as the development of a comprehensive analysis of the Board's proposal to define waste under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act including stormwater containing any detectable concentrations traceable to human activity and the impact such a proposal would have in regulating discharges into an ASBS.

CCCW membership includes 20 highly qualified individuals previously and currently involved in water quality programs, such as former Regional Water Quality Control Board and State Board officers, consultants, and agency officials. The CCCW has assembled a large number of credible individuals both from academia and consulting firms, not readily available, who have expertise and research capabilities in this area.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides Public Works with knowledge that enables the development of effective water quality programs.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County's General funds. Funds for this contribution are available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Flood Control District Budget. The Flood Control District will contribute \$10,000 for the development and preparation of the comment package.

The CCCW estimates the cost of preparing the comment package to be \$30,000. The California Business Properties Association is also contributing \$20,000 toward the cost of preparing this document.

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**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Upon Board approval, the Flood Control District will disburse the funds to the CCCW. Upon completion of the comment package, copies will be made available to the Flood Control District.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects due to this recommended contribution.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel